

REMARKS

The indication that the application contains allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation. The case has been amended in a sincere attempt to place the application in immediate condition for allowance.

Claims 1 and 2 have been combined and a new claim 15 has been added, meaning that the claims before the Examiner are claims 1 and 3 to 15.

The claim objections have been noted and dealt with. The phrase "the different components" in line 4 of claim 1 now reads "the components". Claim 5 has been amended to depend from claim 4, providing sufficient antecedent basis for "said filter". The amendment to claim 1 incorporating claim 2 therein provides antecedent basis for "said second wall plane" in claim 5. The latter observation also applies to claim 7, which has been revised by striking the phrase "or said filter." See new claim 15, similar thereto, but depending from claim 4. Claim 9 has also been amended to depend from claim 4, which should overcome all stated objections.

The various art rejections are noted. It is believed that all of them are moot because claims 1 and 2 have been combined; the latter claim was indicated allowable, which should overcome

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each of the art rejections.

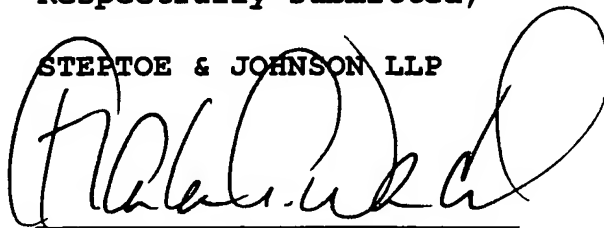
The Examiner is thanked for noting that a certified copy of the priority document has been received and for listing references submitted with two Information Disclosure Statements.

In view of the foregoing revisions and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the case is in immediate condition for allowance, and a USPTO paper to those ends is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if additional changes are required in the case prior to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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